

LODGING

I recommend that you stay in Paris to take advantage of the exciting night life! The Latin Quarter is both enjoyable and convenient. Below, are listed some hotels that are within easy walking distance of the Luxembourg Metro Station, where you can catch the RER B train to Orsay. Other hotels can be found at the MEDOC website (click on Visitor's Guide) and at <http://www.paris.org/> and http://www.paris-touristoffice.com/index_v2.html.

GETTING TO ORSAY

>From downtown Paris, take the RER B train toward Saint-Remy-les-Chevreuse (do NOT take the train toward Robinson). After about a 35 minute ride, get off at Orsay Ville. Directions on how to make the 10-minute walk to the Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale (Building 121) can be found at the website. A one-way train ticket costs about 3 Euros. Depending on your plans, it may be advisable to purchase a weekly pass for zones 1-5, which costs about 28 Euros. This "coupon hebdomadaire" or "carte orange" entitles you to unlimited travel within the Paris environs (excluding the airports). Bring a passport-size photo to affix to the pass.

GETTING TO PARIS FROM THE AIRPORTS

--Charles de Gaulle Airport:

From Terminal 2, go directly to the train station (gare) and take the RER B train.

From Terminal 1, first take the shuttle bus to the train station. The ride to downtown Paris lasts about 40 minutes, and a return ticket costs about 18 Euros.

--Orly Airport:

Take the Orly Val shuttle to Antony, then take the RER B train. The ride to downtown Paris lasts about 25 minutes, and a return ticket costs about 17 Euros.

TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND RECENT POST-DOCS

Funds have been promised by the US National Science Foundation and should be available shortly. Non-US citizens are eligible. Those who have requested support will be contacted when the funds are appropriated.

HOTELS

Please note that the rates given may not be up-to-date.

Hotel LE CLOS MEDICIS *** (I have had good experience here)

56 Rue Monsieur le Prince 75006 Paris

Tel: +33-(0)1-43 29 10 80, Fax: +33-(0)1-43 54 26 90

email: message@clomedicis.com

Web site: www.closmedicis.com

Single/Double (with shower): 125 to 150 Euros, Single/Double (with bath):

165 to 180 Euros, Triple: 220 Euros

Hotel LE JARDIN DE CLUNY (BEST WESTERN) ***

9 Rue du Sommerard 75005 Paris

Tel: +33-(0)1-43 54 22 66, Fax: +33-(0)1-40 51 03 36.

email: Hotel.DeCluny@wanadoo.fr

Single (shower or bath): 135 Euros, twin: 169 Euros

Hotel AGORA SAINT GERMAIN ***

42 Rue des Bernardins 75005 Paris

Tel: +33-(0)1-46 34 13 00, Fax: +33-(0)1-46 34 75 05

Single: 107 Euros , Double: 127 Euros

Hotel LOUIS II ***

2 Rue Saint-Sulpice 75006 Paris

Tel: +33-(0)1-46 33 13 80, Fax: +33-(0)1-46 33 17 29

Web site: www.hotel-louis2.com

Double: 110 to 124 Euros

Hotel SAINT-JACQUES **

35 Rue des Ecoles 75005 Paris

Tel: +33-(0)1-44 07 45 45, Fax: +33-(0)1-43 25 65 50

Single: 68 Euros, double: 102 Euros

Hotel COLLEGE DE FRANCE **

7 Rue Thenard 75005 Paris

Tel: +33-(0)1-43 26 78 36, Fax: +33-(0)1-46 34 58 29

Single: 81 Euros, Double: 90 Euros

